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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following preliminary amendments prior to examining the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

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--43. A device for applying pressure to a body limb having a primary axis comprising:
an inflatable cell, said inflatable cell including at least two intra-cell compartments; said
intra-cell compartments being confluent, each compartment being elongated in a direction of the
primary axis;
said inflatable cell further including inner and outer shells of durable flexible material;
said inner and outer shells being bonded together about a perimetric cell bond;
said inner and outer shells being further bonded together along compartmental bonds
within said perimetric cell bond to define each intra-cell compartment;
said perimetric cell bond including upper and lower perimetric cell bonds;
said compartmental bonds partly extending between said upper and lower perimetric cell
bonds;
said compartmental bonds including perforations to allow for confluent air flow between
adjacent intra-cell compartments within said cell, adjacent intra-cell compartments being
spatially fixed relative to each other, such that upon inflation of said cell, said cell becomes

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